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SUBJECT: HORTICULTURAL PROJECT

REFS: (A) GABORONE 38; (B) GABORONE 567

1. OPIC HAS CONTACTED FIRMS NAMED IN REF (B) PLUS OTHERS. LIMITED NUMBER OF FIRMS CAPABLE AND INTERESTED IN SUCH PROJECTS. TWO FIRMS PRESENTLY FEEL TILLER VISIT WORTHWHILE: GEORGE BALL COS. OF CHICAGO AND STRATFORD OF TEXAS AND HOUSTON. STRATFORD POSSIBLY INTERESTED IN CATTLE RANCHING ALSO. BEALL CO. OF VASHON, WASHINGTON, AND SEVERAL FLORIDA FIRMS MAY BE INTERESTED, DEPENDING ON SPECIFICS. MIKKELSEN AND GOLDSMITH DEFINITELY NOT INTERESTED. OPIC WILL CONTINUE TO CONTACT OTHER POSSIBLE PARTNERS.

2. OPIC NOW WAITING DEFINITE TILLER TRAVEL PLANS. ASSUMING TILLER INTEREST IN VISIT CONTINUES DESPITE LIMITED NUMBER OF POTENTIAL U.S. PARTNERS, OPIC WILL MAKE APPROPRIATE APPOINTMENTS WHEN ARRIVAL DATE MADE KNOWN. SUGGEST TILLER PLANTO
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VISIT STATE/OPIC IN WASHINGTON FIRST FOR BRIEFING, UPDATE;

THEN VISIT WITH FIRMS.SUGGEST TERMINATION DATE BE FLEXIBLE.

3. IN ADDITION TO TRIP INFO, OPIC REQUESTS ADDITIONAL
TECHNICAL INFO:

A) IS BDC FLEXIBLE ON TYPE OF PRODUCE, OR IS THERE A
CLEAR ADVANTAGE IN A PARTICULAR FOLIAR PLANT, VEGETABLE, OR
OTHER?

B) WOULD PROJECT INVOLVE GREENHOUSE STRUCTURES, OR
ONLY OPEN-AIR FARMING?

C) WHAT ARE CLEAR ADVANTAGES OF BOTSWANA LOCATION?
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